

THE BIRTH OF THE PHILIPPIAN CHURCH
Acts 16:10-40

The SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY of Paul (15:36–18:22)

I. The Birth of the Philippian Church (16:10-40)

A. Encountering a Positive God-Fearer (16:10-15)

1) The local church in Philippi began with believers _____
_____ the Lord's leading and to _____ His word. (vv. 10-13)

- How does this apply to us? (2 Cor. 5:20; Col. 4:3)

2) The church at Philippi also began with someone whose _____ was
_____ and _____ by the Lord. (v. 14)

- How does this happen and what does this require? (John 6:44-45; 16:8-11; Acts 10; 13:46-48; 18:27)

3) The church at Philippi also began with a _____ and
_____ believer who was willing to
_____ with Christ. (v. 15)

- Why did Lydia and her household get baptized? (Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12; Acts 10:43-48; 1 Cor. 1:17; Mark 16:15-20)

B. Dealing with Demonic Opposition (16:16-18)

1) On the way to prayer, the mission team was approached by a slave girl _____ with a _____ spirit involved in a lucrative fortune-telling business. (v. 16)

- What does the phrase “Python spirit” mean & what does this imply? (1 Cor. 10:19-20)

2) Though this demon-possessed girl spoke _____, it came from an _____ source. (v. 17; Mark 3:11-12; John 8:44)

- What was the demon’s motive in this? (2 Cor. 4:3-4; 11:3-4, 13-15; 1 Tim. 4:1-2)

3) Paul _____ the demon to come out of her based on _____ authority as His apostle with the ability to do sign miracles to confirm the word of God. (Mark 16:17, 20; 2 Cor. 12:12)

- What should we remember when it comes to demon possession and spiritual warfare? (Rom. 16:20; Eph. 6:10-12; 1 Sam. 17:47)

- How should believers respond to demons (James 4:6-7; 1 Peter 5:5-9) and unbelievers who may be demon possessed? (Rom. 1:16; 1 John 4:4)